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Activities of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute and other institutes, including the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders

Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

Nomination of members of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute

1. The attention of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is drawn to a matter concerning the composition of the Board of Trustees of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, requiring action on the part of the Commission and the Economic and Social Council. The terms of three original members of the Board, namely Tolani Asuni (Nigeria), Pierre-Henri Bolle (Switzerland) and Dušan Čotic (Yugoslavia), who were appointed on 27 November 1990 for a five-year term, expire on 26 November 1995.

2. According to article IV of the statute of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute, annexed to Economic and Social Council resolution 1989/56:

"2. The Board shall be composed of the following:

(a) Seven members selected by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control upon nomination by the Secretary-General and endorsed by the Economic and Social Council, with

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> due regard to the fact that the Institute and its work are funded from voluntary contributions and to the principle of equitable geographic distribution. The members shall be chosen from among eminent persons who possess the necessary qualifications and expertise. They shall serve in their individual capacity for a term of five years from the date of the first Board meeting in which they are invited to participate. They shall be eligible for reappointment by the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control with the endorsement of the Economic and Social Council for not more than one additional term ... ."

3. According to the Office of Legal Affairs of the United Nations Secretariat, the Commission has succeeded to the functions and powers of the former Committee on Crime Prevention and Control in this and in other matters.

4. The Economic and Social Council, in its decision 1993/241, adopted on the recommendation of the Commission, recommended that the number of persons nominated by the Secretary-General to fill positions on the Board should exceed the number of positions to be filled. The Commission is requested to select three candidates for a five-year term. As the principle of equitable geographical distribution must be taken into account, two candidates were proposed for each of the European, Eastern European and African positions to be filled. After the nomination process had been completed, one current member of the Board of Trustees, Pierre-Henri Bolle, submitted a notice in writing to the effect that he did not wish to be renominated. Accordingly, the remaining candidate for Europe is Jan J. M. van Dijk (Netherlands). The candidates from Africa are: Tolani Asuni (Nigeria) and Adedokun A. Adeyemi (Nigeria), while the candidates from Eastern Europe are: Dušan Čotic (Yugoslavia) and Károly Bárd (Hungary). Background information on all five candidates is provided in the annex to the present document.

Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CANDIDATES NOMINATED TO FILL POSITIONS ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED NATIONS INTERREGIONAL CRIME AND JUSTICE RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Candidates from Africa

ADEYEMI, Adedokun Adebayo — Degrees in law and criminology

Born: 5 May 1940

Nationality: Nigerian

Director of the Justice Division of the United Nations Operation in Somalia, Chief Adeyemi has been visiting professor in criminology and criminal justice at the Universities of Copenhagen, Montreal and Yaoundé. He has been consultant to the Nigerian and other African Governments on crime prevention and criminal justice matters and was a member of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control (1979-1984).

Chief Adeyemi is Vice-President of the International Society of Social Defence, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Society for the Reform of Criminal Law, the International Association of Penal Law, the Executive Committee of the International Society of Victimology and the Executive Board of the International Scientific and Professional Advisory Council of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme.

An active participant in the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders as part of the Nigerian delegation, he was Rapporteur of the first meeting held on the drafting of the United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Administration of Juvenile Justice (The Beijing Rules) (General Assembly resolution 40/33, annex) and representative of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control at the Preparatory Meeting at which the draft rules were finalized in Beijing. He was also a member of the Nigerian delegation to the Ministerial Meeting on the Creation of an Effective United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, held in Paris from 21 to 23 November 1991.

Chief Adeyemi is editor of the *Nigerian Journal of Criminology* and a member of the editorial board of the *International Journal of Violence, Aggression and Terrorism.*

ASUNI, Tolani — M.A., M.D., D.P.M., F.R.C. Psych., F.M.C. Psych., F.W.A.C. Psych.

Born: 6 January 1924

Nationality: Nigerian

Tolani Asuni is Chairman of the Psychiatric Hospitals Management Board, Ibadan, and a member of the Nigerian National Committee on Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders and on Drug Abuse.

He is also the founder and Secretary-General of the Nigerian Society of Criminology, a former member of the Board of the Boys Remand Home, Abeokuta and the Discharged Prisoners' Aid

Association and a former Vice-President of the International Society of Social Defence. As Director of the former United Nations Social Defence Research Institute (now the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)) from 1979 to 1984, he was Convener of the XXth International Course in Criminology held in Nigeria in 1970. He is a former member of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control.

Mr. Asuni is the author of numerous articles and the co-author of a textbook on mental health in Africa. He was a member for many years of the ad hoc Advisory Group on the Work Programme and Directions of the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute and is a current member of the UNICRI Board of Trustees.

Candidate from Europe

VAN DIJK, Jan J. M. — Degree in law, Ph.D. in criminology

Born: 1947

Nationality: Netherlands

From 1989 onwards, Jan J. M. van Dijk has been Director of Crime Prevention at the Ministry of Justice and Professor of Criminology at Leyden University; he was senior researcher and Director of the Research and Documentation Centre at the Ministry of Justice from 1976 to 1982.

At the University of Nijmegen he was lecturer in criminology from 1971 to 1976.

Mr. van Dijk was also a member of the Interministerial Steering Committee on Crime Prevention (1985-1990), and has been Chairman of the Board of the National Platform for Crime Prevention and Control since 1992, a member of the Editorial Board of the Netherlands *Journal of Criminology* and the *Victimological Review*, and member of the Parliamentary Advisory Committee on Justice of the Netherlands Labour Party since 1987. He was co-founder and first Chairman of the National Organization of Victim Assistance (1984-1989).

Mr. van Dijk has participated in various committees of experts of the Council of Europe and was General Rapporteur of, *inter alia*, the VIIth Research Conference of the Council of Europe, the World Society of Victimology Symposium at Jerusalem (1988) and the Interregional Seminar on Corruption at The Hague (1989).

He is General Co-ordinator of the International Crime Survey, in collaboration with UNICRI.

Candidates from East Europe

BÁRD, Károly — Degrees in law and sociology

Born: 7 May 1951

Nationality: Hungarian

Károly Bárd is a former Deputy Minister of Justice and is currently Under-Secretary of State in the Ministry of Justice. From 1991 until 1993, he was Chairman of the Government Commission set up to prepare the ratification of the European Human Rights Convention by Hungary. Between 1989 and 1993, he was Director of the Institute for Penal Sciences at the Eötvös Loránd University. Since

1993 he has been Agent of the Hungarian Government before the European Commission and the European Court of Human Rights, representing Hungary before the United Nations Human Rights Committee. He lectures, on a part-time basis, on criminal justice, human rights and the Council of Europe at the Eötvös Loránd University and at the Central European University.

Mr. Bárd has been the head of the Hungarian delegation to the Committee on Crime Problems in the Council of Europe and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control and a member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Penal Law. He is the author of numerous publications on crime and justice, criminal procedure and human rights.

ČOTIC, Dušan L.L. B., M.A., L.L. D.

Born: 1922

Nationality: Yugoslav

In Yugoslavia, including its former republics, Dušan Čotic was Federal Deputy Secretary of Justice; Judge of the Federal Supreme Court, acting since 1982 as Vice-President and Chairman of the Criminal Division of the Court; he is professor of criminal law at the University of Belgrade and chief editor of the Collection of Court Decisions in Yugoslavia.

Mr. Čotic is experienced in criminal law and criminological research and is the author of several books and numerous articles that have been published in Yugoslav and foreign publications. He has attended many international scientific meetings and conferences. For many years he was the president of Yugoslav associations for criminal law and criminology and chief editor of the *Yugoslav Review in Criminology and Criminal Law*.

Mr. Čotic was a member of the Committee on Crime Prevention and Control from 1978. Between 1982 and 1990 he was Vice-Chairman of the Committee and Chairman from 1990 to 1992. During the period of his membership of the Committee, he participated in all Committee meetings, serving many times as chairman of specific working groups. He also attended the third, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders. He was elected Vice-Chairman of the First Committee and Chairman of the Committee's Working Group at the Seventh Congress.

For many years, Mr. Čotic was a member of the ad hoc Advisory Group on the Work Programme and Directions of the United Nations Social Defence Research Institute, and is a current member of the UNICRI Board of Trustees.

He was awarded a testimonial in 1992 by the Secretary-General, in recognition of dedicated service in support of the United Nations programme on crime and justice.